

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 22 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 18-21 and 24-34 have been amended. No new matter has been submitted.

Claims 18-21 and 24-35 are pending and under consideration.

These amendments are believed to place the claims in better condition for appeal, which has been filed concurrently herewith.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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